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**Re: Friends of Sherrod Brown
FEC Identification # C00264697**

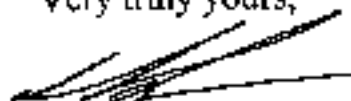
Dear Ms. Ioffe:

This is in response to your letter dated April 3, 2001 concerning the October Quarterly Report (7/1/2000-9/30/2000) of the above-referenced Committee.

You say that the Committee may have received an excessive contribution and have marked contributions from the IUE COPE and the CWA-COPE Political Contributions Committee. We understand that the International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine, and Furniture Workers, AFL-CIO recently affiliated with the Communications Workers of America, therefore the separate segregated funds of the two unions are now affiliated. However, in a conversation with Kathy Wagner of the IUE COPE, the effective date of the affiliation was October 1, 2000. The Friends of Sherrod Brown received its general election contributions from both separate segregated funds before the October 1 date of affiliation, when they retained separate contribution limits.

We hope that this information adequately answers your questions. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Very truly yours,



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